

Bamburak describes a personal communicator receiving station, or holster, capable of receiving a personal communication unit and communicating therewith (Abstract). The personal communicator includes a telephone number for call forwarding updating in the central exchange of the personal communications network, while the receiving station includes a call forwarding number. When the receiving station is connected to a landline system, the receiving station obtains the network update number from the personal communicator operatively positioned therein, and communicates the call forwarding number to the network central exchange. In a variation, the personal communicator obtains the call forwarding number from the receiving station and communicates that number to the network through the personal communications systems.

Thus, similar to Jain, Bamburak describes only the use of telephone numbers, but neither describes nor suggests the “...“...maintaining a presence context profile for the user, the presence context profile specifying a plurality of communication options for the plurality of presence contexts, *including a plurality of different types of communication devices that are available to the user...*” as recited in each of the independent claims. Thus, the limitation is not found in either reference or the combination thereof, and the claims are patentably distinct over this combination.

Claims 2, 5-7, 10, 13-15, 19, 22-24, 27, 30-32 and 38 are dependent claims, each of which serve to add further patentable limitations to their associated parent independent claim that includes the limitation of ‘including a plurality of different types of communication devices that are available to the user...’. Accordingly, the dependent claims are patentable for at least the reason that their associated independent claims are patentable.

Claims 11, 12, 16, 17, 25, 26, 28, 29, 33, 34, 36 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jain in view of Bamburak and further in view of Rogers (U.S. Patent 5,946,386).

Rogers describes a call management system that provides for management of calls directly by system users at their workstation computers via a digital data network such as a digital networks not controlled via the user's telephone instruments in prior systems. A call management computer intercepts incoming calls and controls the handling of such calls according to instructions received from the user's workstations, which are accessed via a digital data network. Each different type of call is managed differently and automatically through direct user workstation controls.

Thus Rogers also neither describes nor suggests the "... "...maintaining a presence context profile for the user, the presence context profile specifying a plurality of communication options for the plurality of presence contexts, *including a plurality of different types of communication devices that are available to the user...*" as recited in each of the independent claims. Thus, the limitation is not found in either reference or the combination thereof, and the claims are patentably distinct over this combination.

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Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Lindsay McGuinness, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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